FRATER LUCIAN THOMAS JESSEN, O. PRAEM.

1939 - 1960

Thou hast made us for
Thyself, O Lord; and our heart is
restless until it rests in Thee.

St. Augustine

PRAYER TO KNOW ONE'S VOCATION

O my God, Thou Who art the God of wisdom and counsel, Thou Who readest in my heart the sincere will to please Thee alone, and to govern myself with regard to my choice of a state of life, entirely in conformity with Thy most Holy Desire, grant me, by the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin, my Mother, and my holy patrons, the grace to know what state I ought to choose, and when known, to embrace it, so that I may be able to pursue and increase Thy Glory, work out my salvation, and merit that heavenly reward which Thou hast promised to those who do Thy Holy Will. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 days, once a day
Pope Pius X; May 2, 1905

This picture of Frater Lucian Thomas Jessen, O. Praem., before the main window of Saint Norbert Abbey Church, was taken in June, 1959. Lucian was a young Norbertine cleric. He was endowed with the precious gifts of a deep faith and an ardent love of Christ. These endowments were reflected in his manly bearing, his serene composure, his keen sense of duty and above all his fraternal charity.

His extremely sudden death on June 29, 1960 focused attention on his character. The picture too, as a consequence, began to take on an additional significance following his death. It was, therefore, suggested that it be reproduced in this form in the hope that Lucian's image may recall his virtuous life which in turn may inspire other worthy young men to seek perfection in the order of Saint Norbert.

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